

Figurative Language

Personification- giving people-like characteristics to something else like the weather, parts of nature, etc.

For example- The wave nipped at my heels. The wind whispered through the trees.

Metaphor- when two things have a common characteristic.

For example- The old man was a bear in the morning. The daughter was a mirror of her mother.

Simile- when two things share a common characteristic and like or as is used in the comparison.

For example- Her voice was like a broken record. The young man's eyes were as cold as ice.

Colorful verb- a noun that has been made into a verb. For example- She peppered her speech with legal jargon.

Or- a verb matched up with an unusual noun. Her hair spilled down her back.